

OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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BSC/Ops/046

28 March 1947

Berlin

TO : AB 51
FROM : AB 36. (AB 52)
SUBJECT: PREGNANT/GAMBIT Project

NOTE: The following information was received from FORD on 20 and 27 March 1947. For reference see BSC/Ops/034.

1. FORD was asked several months ago by PREGNANT to cultivate the friendship of GAMBIT. He was told to take her to the theater, to get her accustomed to being in his company, and finally to invite her to a rendezvous in the French Sector, since she was unwilling to enter the Russian Sector. On 19 March 1947, FORD informed PREGNANT that he had invited GAMBIT to a private musicale in the French Sector, and that GAMBIT had accepted the invitation.

2. On 26 March 1947, FORD met PREGNANT again together with DOOCIA. A third person, a Russian in civilian clothes (medium height; dark blond hair; thin face, with a long, deep scar from a bullet wound or saber across his right cheek; alert and intelligent looking) was also a member of the party. DOOCIA addressed him as "Major". Over liberal quantities of vodka, the three Russians questioned FORD very closely and at length about his relationship with GAMBIT. The "Major", whom FORD had never seen before, seemed very well briefed on the whole GAMBIT story. The Russians whole-heartedly approved of FORD's cultivation of GAMBIT. PREGNANT even suggested that FORD make love to the girl. He hoped that the musicale would be successful.

3. The musicale has been set for the afternoon of Saturday, 12 April 1947. FORD will meet GAMBIT at the S-Bahn station Frohnau at 1600 hours, and from there they will walk the few blocks to Huttenstrasse 20, to the home of old friends of FORD's, the family MAREDA. MAREDA is a lepidopterophile and scientist. At present he is writing a book on butterflies. Two daughters, aged 17 and 20, will play the piano. Refreshments will be served. At about 1900 hours the party will break up, and FORD will escort GAMBIT to the S-Bahn station Frohnau.

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